

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An image forming apparatus has image bearing means for bearing a toner image, transfer means for transferring the toner image on the image bearing means onto a sheet, fixing means for fixing to the sheet the toner image, and first and second sheet transport guides disposed along a transport path. A sheet transport speed in the fixing means is set lower than a sheet transport speed in the transfer means. The first and second sheet transport guides are each disposed with a tilt with respect to a horizontal or vertical direction. A gap is provided to form a spacing sufficient to permit curves of the sheet to be formed between a downstream-side end portion of the first sheet transport guide and an upstream-side end portion of the second sheet transport guide.